

To: All Kansas-Licensed Veterinarians

From: The Members of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

As members of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, we continue to communicate to all licensees the Kansas Board's position on issues. We have directed that you be provided the following synopsis of a recent Board case and resulting disciplinary order. This synopsis is being provided to you in an effort to convey and serve as notice of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiner's position regarding issues identified in the case.

We recommend you periodically review the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act statutes and regulations, as well as the American Veterinary Medical Association's Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics.

Kansas Board Orders 5-year License Suspension and \$10,000 fine

In a final order effective September 22, 2006, the Board ordered a 5-year suspension of a veterinarian's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state and a \$10,000 fine.

This final order was issued following a formal administrative hearing conducted by the Board. Included in the "Finding of Facts" contained within this final order was:

- 1) That the respondent veterinarian provided a number of prescription-only veterinary medications to Kansas residents without having a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship.
- 2) That concerning all of the respondent's care of Kansas animals, the Respondent kept absolutely no medical or clinical records of the patients.
- 3) That the respondent obtained ethical veterinary products from distributors and manufacturers and resold these ethical products, in violation of established marketing policies, to internet sellers who then offer the ethical veterinary products at retail to various consumers.
- 4) That the respondent purchased prescription-only veterinary products from distributors and then resold these products to other establishments, including internet establishments which then offered the products to consumers.
- 5) That during the Board's investigation of this matter, the respondent made a statement to the Board's investigator that was a lie. This statement was made to the investigator in order to deceive or mislead the investigator.

Included in the Board's "Conclusions" contained within this final order were:

[The respondent's] actions clearly and convincingly violate the legal requirements required of a professional and as such [the respondent's] license should be and is hereby suspended for five (5) years. Further the respondent fine in the amount of \$10,000 for [the respondent's] flagrant and willful violations is due and payable as of the date of this order.